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1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, G-77 WORKING GROUP ON MARCH 4 DECIDED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT GROUP TO CONSULT WITH SECOND COMMITTEE WEO'S AND EE'S RE ASPECTS OF SPECIAL UNGA. SIX-MAN CONTACT GROUP SUBSEQUENTLY ESTABLISHED BY G-77 WG TO PERFORM THIS FUNCTION AND TO BE "ONLY OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH EE'S AND WEO'S."

2. FOREGOING INITIATIVES, WHICH REPRESENT FIRST ATTEMPT BY G-77 TO ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH NON-G-77, WILL CLARLY RESULT IN ESTABLISHMENT OF SECOND COMMITTEE LEVEL WEO CONTACT GROUP. MACKENZIE (UK), WHO INITIATED IDEA IN SECOND COMMITTEE WEO GROUP, OF SMOKING OUT G-77 ON THE ISSUE OF CONSULTATION, WILL SURELY BE A MEMBER. KUEN
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(AUSTRIA), AS CHAIRMAN OF SECOND COMMITTEE WEO GROU FOR

MARCH WILL ALSO MOST LIKELY BE A MEMBER. US HAS BEEN APPROACHED RE JOINING THE WEO CONTACT GROUP. FYI: SUCH CONTACT GROUP IS AT "WORKING LEVEL", I.E., BELOW PERM REP OR AMBASSADORIAL RANK. THUS AMB FERGUSON WOULD NOT BE ABLE SERVE AS MEMBER OF GROUP. END FYI.

3. USUN BELIEVES IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR US TO JOIN THE WEO CONTACT GROUP WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE COMPOSED OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES. OUR REASONS:

(A) WE SHOULD NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ENCOURAGE THE TENDENCY ALREADY UNDERWAY TO BASE PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL UNGA ON THE UNCTAD FORMULA OF GROUPS OR BLOCs. THE CONTACT GROUP FORMULA OF CONSULTATION OBVIOUSLY ENCOURAGES BLOC APPROACH TO ISSUES, AND THUS PLAYS INTO HANDS OF LDC'S. OUR ACCEPTANCE OF WEO PARTICIPATION WOULD MEAN ACCEPTANCE OF GA ORGANIZED ON BLOC LINES.

(B) WE CONSIDER G-77 WORKING GROUP DECISION TO ESTABLISH SUCH FORMAL CONSULTATION WITH OTHER CONTACT GROUPS IS SELF-SERVING. IT IS MOTIVATED FIRST AND FOREMOST BY A DESIRE TO FOSTER AND MAINTAIN G-77 SOLIDARITY--TO HOLD DISSIDENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES (SUCH AS INDIA, SRI LANKA AND PAKISTAN ON ENERGY) IN LINE AND PREVENT CRACKS IN G-77 SOLIDARITY FROM SHOWING.

(C) WORKING THROUGH A FORMALLY CONSTITUTED BLOC CONTACT GROUP WOULD INHIBIT THE EXPRESSION OF USG OBJECTIVES. OUR OBJECTIVES DO NOT COINCIDE ON ALL POINTS WITH THOSE OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE WEO GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES THE EC-9 AND SUCH AMBIVALENT WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES AS MALTA, TURKEY (THESE TWO ARE MEMBERS OF NON-ALIGNED), FRANCE AND THE JAPANESE. WE HAVE NOT IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR FOUND THE SECOND COMMITTEE WEO GROUP TO BE AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY COMMON POSITION THEREFORE WE STRONGLY QUESTION ITS ABILITY TO DO SO NOW. WE DO NOT THINK USG SHOULD TIE ITS HANDS BY ASSOCIATING ITSELF WITH ANY EFFORT TO DEVELOP COMMON SECOND COMMITTEE WEO POSITIONS. ON THE OCCASIONS WHEN WEO AND US VIEWS COINCIDE US CAN CARRY MORE WEIGHT AND EXERT GREATER

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INFLUENCE OPERATING SEPARATELY RATHER THAN AS MEMBER WEO CONTACT GROUP.

(D) SUCH BLOC CONSULTATIONS AT THE WORKING LEVEL WILL RESTRICT OUR FLEXIBILITY, INHIBIT OR CONSTRAIN INDISPENSIBLE CONSULTATIONS AT MORE SIGNIFICANT, HIGHER LEVELS IN NY.

(E) WE WILL BE REGULARLY INFORMED IN ANY EVENT OF ANY
WEO CONTACT GROUP DOINGS.

4. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN USUN BUT THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED
AND CAN MAINTAIN MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE CONTACTS ON A BILATERAL
BASIS WITH NON-ALIGNED AND G-77 PERSONALITIES AND
REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK ON PROCEDURAL AND
SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS LIKELY TO ARISE IN THE PERIOD
LEADING UP TO AND DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION OF GA.
WE CAN THUS IN PRACTICE ENSURE THAT G-77 HAS AUTHORITATIVE
CONTACTS WITH WEO'S AND EE'S BUT WITH US AS WELL INDEPENDENTLY
OF "CONTACT FORMULA".

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